



VETERANS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AGENCY, INC.

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2014 Veterans Supportive Services Agency, Inc. Scholarship

Deadline: August 1, 2014

Award value: \$750

Veterans Supportive Services Agency, Inc. (VSSA) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization solely dedicated to providing life enhancing services to US Armed Forces Veterans and their families.

To be considered eligible for the Veterans Supportive Services Agency, Inc. Scholarship, please:

- Be a resident of Santa Clara County
- Between the ages of 16 and 29 on August 1, 2014
- Be a US Armed Forces Veteran or the child, grandchild or relative of one
- Be willing to provide proof of service (i.e., DD214*) for yourself or family member (*When sending a copy of the DD214, please black out private information, i.e., Social Security Number).
- Have at least one full year of post-secondary studies remaining at the time of the award.
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Provide a copy of official transcripts
- Provide a resume including extracurricular work or community service (strongly recommended). You can also create a LinkedIn profile and connect with Tito A. Cortez, Executive Director of VSSA.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor, or employer who can testify to your aptitude for academic scholarship.
- Find our Facebook page and 'like' us

Finalists will be interviewed by the VSSA Scholarship Selection Committee the week of August 25, 2014 and winner will be notified the week of September 1, 2014. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Fourth Annual Silicon Valley Veterans Ball on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Recipient's submission and photographs (if present at the Ball) will be posted on-line after the event. All applications must be postmarked and/or received by 11:59 p.m. PDT on August 1, 2014. No late submissions will be accepted.

Essay questions and submission information on other side

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“Ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country” –John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States

Essay Question #1:

Explain in 500 words or less what President Kennedy's quote means to you. Note this should not just be stated. You must provide an argument supporting this statement.

Essay Question #2:

Explain in 500 words or less why you think you should be granted the Veterans Supportive Services Agency Inc. Scholarship.

Requirements for each essay:

1. The essay must provide a summary statement in the introductory paragraph. The summary statement must encapsulate the main argument for the paper. It must be clear and coherent, and it must answer the question put forth on the application.
2. The essay must offer supporting evidence. The writer must provide the supporting evidence in paragraph (**not** “bullet” or list) form. Each paragraph must contain evidence that supports one idea or concept that proves the summary statement. The writer must provide citations (in footnote, endnote or parenthetical form) for all evidence presented.
3. Every essay must follow basic rules of format and grammar. Every paper must contain a beginning (introductory paragraph), a middle (supporting paragraphs), and an end (concluding paragraph). Grammar is vital for essay composition. Sentence fragments, misspellings, and improper punctuation denote a carelessly-written and poorly-conceived paper.
4. Any family member of the staff, volunteers and Board Members of VSSA are not eligible to apply.

APPLICANT'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone number, Email address

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Current School, School Address and Phone Number

Please submit your application by August 1, 2014 to:

2014 VSSA Scholarship
Noble House
14630 Noble Avenue
San Jose, CA 95132

For more information, please visit vssainc.org

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